County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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SAMPLE BALLOTS MAILED FOR SEPTEMBER 13th SPECIAL ELECTION

Last day to register to vote is Monday, August 29th

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has begun mailing Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets to voters in San Jose City Council District 7.

The Sample Ballot contains important information about the upcoming September 13, 2005 Special Election, which is a runoff election to fill the District's vacant City Council seat. Voters should read the Sample Ballot carefully before Election Day, mark their choices, and bring the Sample Ballot with them to the polls.

The Sample Ballot also includes the location of the voter's assigned polling place. Voters are encouraged to check their polling place locations before every election, since they may change from one election to the next. The September Election will include 40 polling precincts and 2 mail ballot precincts for a total of 42 precincts.

Sample Ballots are printed in five languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Tagalog. Voters will be mailed Sample Ballots according to their responses to the Registrar of Voters' Preferred Language Survey:

- Voters who selected English as their preferred language will only receive an English Sample Ballot.
- Voters who selected Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese or Tagalog will first receive a Sample Ballot in English and then another in their preferred language.
- Voters who have not responded to the survey will continue to receive Sample Ballots in two languages: English and their current alternate language.

Voters may update their preferred language by calling (866) 430-VOTE [8683] or completing a survey card, which is available online at www.sccvote.org. The Registrar of Voters also conducts the Preferred Language Survey on an on-going basis through mail and at the polls.

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Sample Ballots for the September Election will only be mailed to voters who are registered by Monday, August 15th. Voters who register after that date will receive a letter with their polling place location.

Register to Vote

Monday, August 29th is the last day to register or re-register to vote in this election. There are currently over 29,000 voters registered in San Jose City Council District 7.

Voter registration forms are available at city halls, fire stations, post offices, public libraries and most county government offices. They are also available online at www.sccvote.org or at the Registrar of Voters' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

This is not a countywide election. Only voters registered in San Jose City Council District 7 will be eligible to participate.

Voters need to re-register only if they have changed their name or address, or would like to change their political party affiliation.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

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